

I am a very heavy user of the Internet. I do not want some stupid cable company slowing down my speed. Furthermore, I feel that, as an American citizen, I have an absolute right to view any content on the Internet that I want to, provided that said content is legal.

—Tom Hoffman, Pearisburg, VA

The internet should be open and neutral and not be controlled by the Comcast's, Verizon's, and AT&T's of the world so they can act like gatekeepers and destroy what has helped and enriched so many lives world wide!

—Robert K VanVoorhis, Hanover, MI

The FCC is mandated by statutory authority to (quoting from the FCC website): Promote COMPETITION, innovation and investment in broadband services and facilities Support the nation's economy by ensuring an appropriate COMPETITIVE framework for the unfolding of the communications revolution Encourage the HIGHEST AND BEST USE of spectrum domestically and internationally REVISE media regulations so that new technologies FLOURISH alongside DIVERSITY and LOCALISM. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. This NON-COMPETITIVE FRAMEWORK would grant a few mega-companies the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications, thus decreasing DIVERSITY and INNOVATION. Local municipal jurisdictions would not be able to develop their own publicly funded high speed infrastructure independent of these mega-companies which stifles DIVERSITY and LOCALISM to FLOURISH. And We the People for whom the FCC was established to protect against these very abusive tactics will not be able to do anything about it. Throw out your current FCC rules and instead REVISE them to reclassify ISPs as common carriers that will encourage the HIGHEST AND BEST USE of spectrum domestically. DO YOUR JOB or resign your positions effective immediately so that others can be seated in your place that will do what the FCC is tasked to do . . . place the interest of We the People above the interests of huge already too powerful and influential private corporations who serve ONLY shareholders, NOT We the People.

—Keith Fabing, Seattle, WA

Verizon and the PUC already dictate most aspects of my internet experience and what I have to pay for it. Are you going to let them dictate the content too?

—Chuck Vincent, Esmond, RI

Your proposal is censorship. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Glenn Chateaufneuf, Ballston Spa, NY

Taxpayers funded R&D for the internet, now you want to bilk taxpayers and maximize private profits for corporate entities? NO WAY, NOT OKAY! REAL NET NEUTRALITY NOW! REAL NET NEUTRALITY FOREVER!

—DB Pope, Varnville, SC

Must have free choice, free press, free speech, NOT controlled by any corp or conglomerate, NOT monitored and metered. DO THE RIGHT THING. YOU know in your spirit and sense that any monopoly is a greed driven corporate & mechanical entity. NOT an extant, not a being.

—Jodi S., Campbell, CA

Net Neutrality is the only fair democratic approach to this issue.

—Marjorie Young, Santa Fe, NM

Keep the Internet open and free so that everyone benefits equally. Please don't allow the cable companies and those with money to dominate the Internet and control it unfairly. Everyone should have equal access and equal speed so that people can share information and benefit from all the positive connections it provides.

—Gary Engelman, Grayslake, IL

I strongly feel that net neutrality MUST be maintained.

—Joseph russo, New York, NY

We need true net neutrality to protect the ability for internet startups to compete with huge corporations.

—Nathan Bolender, Edgewood, KY

Net neutrality is the cornerstone of free access to information and the preservation of democracy. Money is NOT speech, no matter what the Supreme court recently decided. Don't allow rich providers to dominate the internet.

—Allan Malkis, Saint Paul, MN

Protect net neutrality and our free access to information. All sources need to have equal access. It is basic for a democracy to have an informed citizenry.

—Sandra L. Uribe, San Antonio, TX

THE TAXPAYERS BUILT THE INTERNET! IT IS THEFT to end Net Neutrality!!!

—Timothy Beauchamp, Tulsa, OK

Dear FCC: Protect us and our freedoms, not big business and their constant plans to control us.

—Colleen Clopton, Jefferson, IA

Net neutrality is fundamentally important to fair trade and commerce. Without it, competition is stifled and innovation sidelined. Large corporations do not deserve unfair advantage over smaller competitors; Big Cable doesn't need more leverage to extort its customers. Fairness and an even playing field are basic American values; don't let cable companies rewrite the rules.

—Guy Buckles, BROOKLYN, NY

I'm a liberal. The stories, particularly political stories, environmental stories, financial stories, etc., etc., etc., left out of mainstream media and available only in on-line publications are staggering. AND I'm a member of the struggling middle class, so an extra fee to keep track of what's going on is a real back-breaker for my family. We are supposed to be a DEMOCRACY, with open news and free speech. Please don't make a travesty of that!!!!

—Dr. Bethany Nelson, Topsfield, MA

This is about freedom of speech and saving our democracy; save the internet from monopoly!

—Janet Kortuem, Stillwater, MN

True net neutrality is essential to the continued success of our society. Education, research, news, discussions, entertainment, collaboration, all transmission of data and information between individuals and groups.

—Wesley Miaw, San Jose, CA

throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Paul Young, Long Lane, MO

Please classify ISPs as common carriers. Discrimination is never a good idea. I rely on a free and open Internet and know that I am among many who could not afford to "pay to play." Big businesses are making record profits and do not really need additional favors at the expense of regular users. Do the right thing, especially as our nation's economy is so precarious, and keep the Internet free and open.

—Karen Donaldson, Grass Valley, CA

Creating fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow internet speeds for those that can't is not only unfair but greedy.

—Edward M., Essex, MD

I despair at how some FCC Officials seem to think they are there to further the vested interests of Big Businesses rather than protect the Ordinary Citizens! Though the aforementioned biases are not surprising, we need Net Neutrality!

—John S. Evans, Denver, CO

Net neutrality is important for allowing all of us access to our audiences.

—Melissa Cathcart, Minneapolis, MN

Democracy requires Net Neutrality. Issue is freedom of expression.

—Liz Helenchild, Mendocino, CA

The internet was developed with public funds. Don't try to make a profit off of other people's work. Jerks.

—Paul Wierzbicki, Tucson, AZ

Your mandate is basically to promote the public good. All your decisions should use this purpose as your Northern Star. Instead, you seem to be only interested in helping the companies you used to lobby for. You have the opportunity to be remembered as either the man who saved the internet or the man who was a shill for the cable companies and ISPs. Right now you are leaning towards the latter. Don't make this your legacy. Do the right thing.

—Howard Bornstein, Lake Oswego, OR

NET NEUTRALITY IS A HUMAN RIGHT ! NOT A PRIVILEGE OF THE ELITE ! WE DEMAND IT ! IF YOU SELL US OUT FOR MONEY, OUR WRATH IS TO COME ! WE WILL JOIN TOGETHER AND BRING DOWN YOUR OLIGARCHY AND ITS MONOPOLIES !

—Gabriel Alan King, Colorado Springs, CO

reclassify ISPs as common carriers

—Linda Salter, Belmont, MA

Preserve NET NEUTRALITY! The Internet should be an equally open and unencumbered resource. No company should have greater abilities or access over another by virtue of its ability to pay premium access fees. Further the Internet SHOULD BE maintained as a public utility, like electricity, water, natural gas and regulated accordingly. NO PREFERENCE - EVER.

—Daniel A Pratte, Anchorage, KY

The internet is a public resource and all its users should have equal participation rights. It should never be controlled by a few.

—ML Meldrum, Culver City, CA

ISP's are common carriers. To classify otherwise would set a dangerous precedent toward repressing our free speech and our access to information. Think China.

—Steve Collins, Tijeras, NM

protect net neutrality...reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Areti Spiropoulos, Montreal,

Net neutrality is mandatory to eliminate discrimination.

—Elmo Dunn, Longwood, FL

Please leave the Internet in the hands of the people. If the noose gets too tight, we collectively will lose more than we'll gain -- including those who act without accountability to others. Would someone please stand for what's right and not just bow to the pressures of power, greed, and pride.

—Amanda Sutherland, Grand Rapids, MI

There should be NO SUCH THING as a two-tiered Internet. Support Net Neutrality!

—Beverly Poncia, Lower Lake, CA

The InterNet belongs to everyone. It does not belong to Big Business and the telecom companies.

—Bruce Odelberg, Kirkwood, CA

The world does NOT belong to corporations. This is the information super highway, not an advertisement tool for greed.

—Lonny Cloud, Litchfield Park, AZ

... a government by the people for the people.. corporations are not by any stretch of the imagination 'people' and they cannot be allowed to skim and warp everything they touch. The ONLY way this could happen would be clear evidence of CORRUPTION!

—Randy Embertson, Cincinnati, Ohio, OH

I strongly oppose plans for the corporate takeover of the internet, and other pay-for-priority schemes. Keep the internet free and open

—Lonnie Radcliffe, Chgo, IL

This is NOT something on which you spineless Obamacrats can "compromise", again. Stop bending over for these spoiled, elitist corporate punks and do the job you were elected to do. "Compromise" with dogmatic corporate criminals is not part of that job.

—James Norgrove, Winter Park, FL

Because it is a vital tool for research and thought provoking ideas. The next BIG THING could come from some kid with an idea and a laptop. The rest of the world has better and faster access to the web, WHY DON'T WE?? WE PAY MORE FOR OUR SERVICES AND GET LESS! THE WEB IS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD NOT JUST CORPORATE PROFITS, FUCK THEM!!!

—Robert B. DiGiovanni Jr., Monterey, CA

We will not give up until the FCC make total and unconditional network neutrality the law of the land. Anything less is an unacceptable abridgement of free speech.

—Merrill Cole, Macomb, IL

The internet must remain free for all to use... no two-tiered systems allowed! Free means just that... FREE, WITH NO CHARGES WHATEVER!!!!

—David Stone, Seattle, WA

Reclassify ISPs to common carriers to preserve net neutrality!

—James Kapetsky, Wilmington, NC

Keep net neutrality and save democracy Henriette Lieb Pipersville PA

—Henriette Lieb, pipersvill, PA

The last thing we need is more big corporations gaining more control over our lives. The internet should remain equally free and open to everyone.

—Dan Avery, Butte, MT

The request for going against net neutrality was done by President as he wanted to prove who was more powerful. The result all the companies he is pushing are in the process of going out of business.

—Marvin George, Sierra Vista, AZ

Keep the Net fair and neutral for all!

—Holley Billingsley, Seattle, WA

PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY! THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT ACCEPT YOUR PLAN.

—Beverly Bachand, Portland, OR

There's no reason that the ISPs should have the power to determine the flow of information anymore than telephone companies do. There's nothing complicated about this.

—Feroze Sidhwa, Boston, MA

As a small business owner, I greatly depend on the internet to communicate with customers and distributors, to find information, to get quotes, to coordinate sales and purchases, et cetera. In other words, I greatly need the internet and can no longer imagine being able to conduct business transactions without it.

—Ben Arnold, Tamarac, FL

Tom Wheeler, how much are you getting paid to stab us in the back? What else can we think when you side with the greedy, uber rich corporations? You should be protecting what is presently a free and open internet for anyone to use, no matter their financial standing. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Pretend you have ethics.

—Barbara Hauck, Largo, FL

The internet doesn't need "fast lanes"!!! It should be open access to everyone not just the privileged!

—John Griffith, Colorado Springs, CO

we paid for the infrastructure and it shouldn't be taken over by monopolist carriers.

—Jack Huisinga, Bainbridge Island, WA

The loudest voices (those with money) will drown out all the rest. I want equal access to the internet for all parties.

—Mr. Richard Fidler, Traverse City, MI

Please protect Net Neutrality to allow for fair, equal access of information.

—Mark Taylor, Charlotte, NC

The internet is for everybody. Not just for those who can pay more for higher speeds. Don't be despicable. Keep the internet neutral.

—Andy Carr, Denver, CO

Fair is fair... allowing corporations to create a fast and slow lane is anything but fair to human people

—Anne Wayman, National City, CA

I'm not opposed to deregulating the internet, necessarily. I prefer a meshed internet, that much more open than even "Net Neutrality" allows. But given our world as it is. Leaving the net neutrality principle behind now, is likely to make the internet more closed. And less free too. It will become more corporatized, which unfortunately isn't pro-free market. So say, "Yes!" to net neutrality. Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes!

—Mr. Christopher Aquilino, Peekskill, NY

I am a Consumer, who has paid for DSL service for 15 years, I have already seen my COSTS continue to INCREASE and my SPEEDS go SLOWER and slower. The internet speeds in the USA are Slower than all European Countries, and We consumers are forced to pay for this. The USA does Not need a Fast lane; We all need and Deserve hyper Speeds at the SAME costs. @#\$!

—GY Moore, anesville, WI

I DO NOT LIKE OUR FREEDOMS AND RIGHTS TO BE USSERPED AND MANIPULATED BY CORPORATE PERSONS!!!
DEATH TO CORPORATE PERSONHOOD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! CORPORATIONS HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES TO OTHERS TO
ATTEND TO BEFORE THEIR BOTTOM LINES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! DEATH TO CORPORATE PERSONHOOD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

—Evan smith, Olympic valley, CA

I support Net Neutrality and equal access for all that promotes freedom of speech and innovation. The proposed "two-tiered" will not do that.

—Michael Owen, New York, NY

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—Mr George F. Kramer, bowie, MD

Stop playing games with applications of semantics to what a telecommunications is vs. a data communications vs. television network etc. Look. Its real simple. The internet belongs to EVERYONE EQUALLY. The truth of the matter is that access to it should be wide and varied and super fast and most importantly free in every way, because when it comes down to it, it is a vast library and information system, it is education, communication, music, and videos, and all that there is, in a perfect documentation of our society the world over. It is a library and a grand museum and a story that all, every single human should have access to. In america, and other world powers over, education and history are the cornerstones to our lives. They are what makes us all, great in our strengths. Just as much as a library, is most always public, and free, and there but for the service to the patron. Stop playing with the internet...make it strong, make it free, make it equal, and then, make sure that every single person that you possibly can has access to it and its wondrous treasure trove of all that there is as fast as we can create and record and input it all. This, is perhaps, the greatest achievement of all that mankind has accomplished because...it is communication, a leveling field between cultures, a way to seek and understand and grow, and it could rival our haloed US Constitution and all that we stand for as to the importance of it. Your decision right here, right now, in this generation that you have been entrusted to not only carry out the will of the people, but, to protect what is right. A free, neutral, protected, equal, un censored, un throttled, un molested internet is was is RIGHT. And Im willing to bet that you know it. The question is, what kind of person(s) are you? The kind who would bow to corporations and their greed and ever encroaching control for their own purposes over the good of the people? Or...are you an American...a Human Patriot who can recognize the importance of what you choose on our behalf? I am asking that you protect the good of the people, trust in us as a humanity in whole for all the good and bad of what is out there with this vast internet we built...that we as a greater proportion will use the internet responsibly as it will enrich our lives, that you ensure it with the same vigor and defiance you would apply to priceless paper tomes in an millennium old archive, or as a national treasure, or in a very basic way...our very lives..because, too late to reverse it now, the internet is so engrained in our lives that it is a very part of us as a persona, a way of living, and an invisible appendage. You must see the internet as the entity it is, its remarkable and exponential potential, as a medium for crossing nations and reaching out to one another, as the tool and existence of our lives in it...to make it a monopoly of corporations would be as to indenture humanity to CEOs. Make this Right, Make it Neutral. Fight for US.

—Charlebois Nicholas A, Gresham, OR

Chairman Wheeler's proposal for a two-tiered Internet is completely unacceptable and serves only to demonstrate his conflict of interest and bias in favor of the telecom companies. The Internet needs to be a level playing field for ALL! This two-tiered system would stifle growth for new companies who can't afford to pay the undoubtedly outrageous fees that the telecom companies will surely charge. It is greed on the part of the telecom companies, pure and simple. As if they don't already make billions of dollars every year. They are nothing but common carriers, and the FCC should reclassify them as such. The purpose of the FCC is not to cater to the whims and desires of the telecom companies to make them even richer. It is an oversight entity and the only interests it should be concerned with are the interests of the average people in this country who don't have billions of dollars to buy power and influence in our government.

—Tiffany Tainter, Coppell, TX

ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers. Keep the internet neutral and equally available to all!

—Lori Melton, Pittsburgh, PA

It's a very steep and slippery slope you're going down. First pay to play so giants like Amazon and Facebook get preferential bandwidth, and then it will lead to internet censorship. This is not 1930s era Soviet Russia. Be the stop gap to the government whoring them selves out for corporations like Comcast and Time Warner.

—Sam Hathorn, Crewe, VA

Please do not allow big corporations dominate the internet. Thanks.

—Tim Owens, Tucson, AZ

US Government... best government corporations can buy!

—Bruce Johnson, Carson City, NV

Net neutrality allows for independent voices. Without it the commercial media will rule. Brenda McMillan

—Brenda McMillan, Port Townsend, WA

extra fees are out of my realm. any discrimination is WRONG

—Judith Gibson, Waynesville, NC

Net neutrality is important on behalf of many Americans that we still have the right to free speech over any way of communication in this case the Internet. As for the Internet has been since the 90's a great equalizer on the spread of information. Without net neutrality telecommunication companies will have God like powers over information on the Internet. Which right now it doesn't seem like our freedom of speech is being taken away. But in a few years with power of the Internet "absolute power corruptes absolutely" and they can and will almost probably restrict the info people are aloud to see on the internet

—Christopher McCoy, Woodland hills, CA

Please don't destroy The Internet and as we know it.

—Bernie Martinez, Rialto, CA

I feel strongly that relaxing Net Neutrality will abridge my Frist Admendment rights! ISP's should be treated as Common Carriers.

—Chuck Combs, Salinas, CA

For sake of our democracy and economic vitality, the Internet should be regulated as a common carrier. The last-mile ISP SHOULD NOT be arbiters of content. I pay more than citizens of many other countries for their service and get less from as it is due, no doubt, to their oligopolistic power. As a citizen, I rely on you, the FCC, to keep that oligopolistic power in check. The fact that the oligopolistic last-mile ISPs lobby so hard to outlaw municipal networks is proof enough that they care far more about their pofits than providing world-class service.

—Lloyd R. Prentice, Marshfield, MA

You must keep the net neutral. Letting the big corporations set their own rules has been a disaster for our economy and the middle class. Don't let the big companies discriminate against the little guys.

—Terry Eby, Arlington, VA

The internet is an indelible resource for a free and open exchange of ideas regardless of socio-economic standing and it must remain that way. If corporations like Verizon, Comcast, and Time Warner are able to regulate this exchange of ideas, an essential part of our culture will die.

—Mike Shea, BROOKLYN, NY

ISP are common carriers.....treat them as such!

—Susan Morris, Los Angeles, CA

There is already very strong monopolistic behavior and we should block that growth in the public interest.

—James A Braunsdorf, Mishawaka, IN

ISPs are common carriers of the digital age. It's time that they be regulated as such so that the Internet remains an open playing field for the companies (and industries) of tomorrow.

—Patrick Crowley, San Diego, CA

FREEDOM OF SPEECH!! THIS COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED FOR THIS RIGHT (among many others we cherish)

—Mollie smith, Chehalis, WA

The Net does not belong to the government. It was given, by its developers, to all the people of the world. Your only mission is to protect its freedoms and its rights for all. The big corporations have the means to protect their own interests; they don't need you. Your job is to protect ours.

—Cecilia Lieder, Duluth, MN

Who can afford higher fees? The big polluters, that's who. The "too-big-to-fail" banks and other financial interests, that's who. ALEC and the other beneficiaries of Citizens United and McCutcheon, that's who. Monsanto, Philip Morris tobacco, Exxon Mobil, that's who. The trackers, that's who. Rupert Murdoch and Donald Trump, that's who. But people who truly work in the public interest will be out in the cold. America the beautiful will be America the doomed, as the forces of greed and ignorance bring on the Four Horsemen of War, Starvation, Pestilence, and Death. Our future as a decent, thriving country is balanced on a knife edge, and a free flow of information through the Internet will make all the difference. Your responsibility is not to the telecom industry. Your responsibility is to this country and its citizens. Live up to your responsibility, or resign!

—Margaret Nagel, Evanston, IL

Short term gains for short-sighted businesses will kill long-term health of our whole GDP. You know it, I know it, and the American people know it.

—Jill Blevins, San Francisco, CA

None of you fat cats and corporate toadies on the Commission will be affected by the shitty, unfair rules you are preparing to impose on us, the insignificant majority. It's about time for the government to serve the people instead of its corporate masters. Treat the Internet as a public utility, as it should be treated, and maintain a level playing field for all.

—Barry Lerner, Arlington, VA

To whom it may concern, Limiting access and speed on the net not just unfair to a medium that has been accessible to all from the start but another way for the rich to get richer and invade our privacy! Stop limiting access to the internet and reestablish net neutrality for all!! Beat Kaestli

—Beat Kaestli, new york, NY

The internet is an indispensable part of modern life and should be treated as a public utility as it is in other countries. The US pays some of the highest rates and has some of the least wide spread broadband coverage in the developed world. Paying for a fast lane only adds insult to injury for our poor excuse of a network. Take a page from South Korea and maintain proper net neutrality.

—Amanda Smock, Brooklyn, NY

I want a speedy internet and I don't want to pay more than I already do.

—Hope Jojnston, walhalla, ND

There is no good reason to allow those with more money more access to the internet and to allow them to decide content. Net Neutrality to me is the same principal as access to a library. No one would allow a similar system of pay to play to access books or to determine what books we could read or to allow the rich to have access to more books those who are poor. It is no different for the internet. Knowledge is power cannot be turned around to say those in power and those with more money deserves more access and more power than the common man.

—Wes Davis, Henderson, NV

Please keep Net Neutrality Fair. Those of us whom have internet access can't afford paying any more than we do now to get a higher speed as it is a \$60.00 monthly average now just to be able to do online banking. Those who don't have access can't afford it simply because it is a luxury and they have to choose between feeding the children or pay for internet access. Lets focus on how we can bring those whom do not have internet access to a affordable level to allow them to at the very least get their banking done. Don't manage the pipe line please! Bonnie J. Webb

—Bonnie Webb, Leesburg, IN

Regular people (not super rich or corporations) get their news via the Internet, communicate with family and colleagues, stream movies/music, work as activists, apply for jobs, communicate with the local community/government, shop and so much more. The Internet is integral to our lives now and making it unequal will simply add to the income inequality which is already a massive problem. Keep it neutral and keep it working for all not just the rich and the corporate powers.

—Sharon Chastain, Maple Valley, WA

Net neutrality is great for entrepreneurs to advance the prosperity of our economy. Our entrepreneurs need as much freedom as possible in order for their to be employment opportunities for Americans needing employment!

—Ryan Gene Schablosky, East Carondelet, IL

The internet should remain an equal space free from the restrictions of capitalism and huge companies that act as bullies. With placing restrictions on the internet we become like other countries that restrict internet access to the people they govern.

—Natalia Morales, Holly Springs, NC

I am a teacher and a taxpayer. How is the school system supposed to compete with big payers like Amazon and Walmart for acceptable internet speeds? Why allow communication companies to create information ghettos out of libraries, schools and charitable institutions? Please! Is this what America is about? PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY!

—Anne Barrat, Shenendoah Junction, WV

Net neutrality is crucial to the continued intellectual and cultural development of the human race. The FCC plans to kill it. We can see through their games and their lies, we must not let them succeed. The open internet must be protected.

—Matija Aron Lojpur, Belgrade,

The internet is a public utility and should be regulated like one. It is essential to the functioning of our society, like electricity, water, gas, etc. The internet is the most common means of communication and commerce in the United States and should be regulated to ensure that it remains as impartial as our system of interstate highways and roads.

—Jon Bogdanove, Los Angeles, CA

PRESERVE THE OPEN INTERNET, THE LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR ALL. DO NOT ALLOW THE TIERED SYSTEM WHERE THE BEST GOES TO THOSE WHO CAN PAY THE MOST. AMERICA WILL NOT BE THE LAND OF THE FREE IF THIS CONTINUES!

—Jean Doyle, Santa Cruz, CA

the net needs to remain a level playing field for all ideas regardless of funding!

—Alex Constantine, woodland hills, CA

Net Neutrality MEANS Free Speech. Net Neutrality is important not to just me, but to the entirety of humanity.

—Robert P Chubb, mt clemens, MI

NET NEUTRALITY IS FAIR GREED IS NOT.

—Charles Buchanan, Union City, CA

The open and free flow of equal information has made the internet the useful toll we have all come to rely on. Any restriction of content or speed for different types or sources of material would seriously hamper this ideal.

—Glenn Workman, Columbia, MD

GREED, CORPORATE AND PERSONAL HAS TAKEN OVER THIS COUNTRY AS FAR AS REGULATORY AND COURT DECISIONS GO LATELY. SAVE NET NEUTRALITY DON'T LET INTERNET ACCESS BECOME EVEN MORE PROFIT DRIVEN. SMALL BUSINESSES COULD BE THE SAVIORS OF THIS COUNTRY GIVE THEM AN EVEN CHANCE ON THE INTERNET! THANK YOU!!!!!!

—Jan Rexroth, Olympia, WA

We don't want discrimination online! Those who can afford such fees already have too much power. You will contribute to the ongoing demise of the American dream.

—Alison Tamminga, Goleta, CA

The current Internet has companies becoming content providers and content creators. Mergers between NBC and Comcast help to prevent people from seeking alternate ways of viewing content without paying extras fees to compensate for not subscribing to the Internet provider that also creates the content. All companies should have equal unfettered access to the Internet that was originally created by the United States government. The companies that wish to profit are doing so on public lines that were created from taxpayer dollars. These companies are sending data on a government created infrastructure and are now controlling how other people see content based on their ability to pay for it.

—Jerry Bernard, Canyon Country, CA

I have no choices in my area for consistent internet to my home. Therefore I must buy from a single provider to receive good service. That business should not then be able to choose what content I want to access or how it performs. I want an open internet and the choice to use the pipe to my home with freedom of information and entertainment. It continues to be a conflict of interest that businesses like Comcast can own limited utilities and entertainment companies.

—Dan Myers, Lafayette, CO

The internet is an international public utility and should be treated as such. Too much of privilege in our society is already determined by financial resources, much of it gained through unethical means. Keep the internet a viable resource and tool for all.

—John Walton, Gualala, CA

NN matters to me because I am sick and tired of footing the bill for corporate malfeasance and mismanagement. If you let ISP's start charging protection money, you're only going to be passing the cost of those payments along to consumers. If you actually want to do some good, maybe you and the FTC could get together and help pare down the duopolies running our country's telecom market, because having multiple choices for ISP's/mobile phone service isn't really meaningful if both are monopolies in their own categories (Phone company vs. Cable company; ATT vs VZW). It's your job to prevent this sort of thing, just in case you forgot the whole "leasing the public airwaves" thing that spawned your agency. "Public" means you work on behalf of natural persons, not legal persons like corporations.

—Clark Shuler, Cincinnati, OH

I AM MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANY CORPORATE BOSS!!!

—Lawrence Schuchart, Spokane, WA

This sort of plan is wrong. Of all things, the Net needs to be an even neutral ground. Let it stay that way.

—Col Jeffords, Nampa, ID

Net neutrality is important because it helps ensure access and content to all parts of the internet for all people, not just the few who can afford it. It's part of small "d" democracy and should not be destroyed.

—Andrea Bonnett, Altadena, CA

It's astonishing to me that we are compelled to struggle against corporate criminals and their stooges on the Beltway for the public right to a free and open internet—a right that already belongs to us since all communications passageways are public. Let's stop waging this war on small fronts, and end it now. Please cast your vote for real and comprehensive Net Neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. In doing so, you'll be voting for your own interests, as well.

—Rhett Gambol, Seattle, WA

Corporations, for profit or otherwise, should not be allowed to determine the internet content that I or anyone else wishes to view. It is ultimately censorship because the corporations could simply deny access to sites they may disagree with or have a "moral" objection to. Charging more for one site than another caters to those with money and also increases profits for the corporations - as if they are not raking in enough already. Please do not allow this ill-considered new rule to ever go into effect.

—Joanie Vigh, Kentwood, MI

If the internet no longer is a reliable means for finding unbiased information, a new means will be created. But that will take a while. In the meantime a free flow of ideas and goods, especially from smaller publishers and businesses, will be lost.

—Susan Hinton, Santa Clara, CA

We don't need Big Brother watching "out" for us. We don't need to be told what is good for us.

—Mary Kay Hatheway, Denver, CO

I don't believe that big Corp's should have better internet service than I.

—Paul Erlich, Panorama City, CA

The new Net Neutrality plan is really bothering me. I work for a small online store, which only started because internet is free for all and anyone can sell online. But the new law would give advantage to big corporations, who will pay for better and faster internet, which will make it harder for just anyone to create an online business. I want the internet to stay free because I want to be an online entrepreneur one day too. Please don't pass this change.

—Elena Caceres, Long Beach, CA

To the FCC, Please protect ingenuity and innovation but supporting net neutrality. Thank you, Erica Sanchez

—Erica Sanchez, Chandler, AZ

Net neutrality is extremely important to those of us with family businesses trying to compete with the giants out there. I don't want to have to see Walmart or Target or Amazon first or only because they can afford to pay for access. SAVE NET NEUTRALITY!

—Dawn Ayers, Walsenburg, CO

Net neutrality is the last bastion of democracy!

—Eve Neuhaus, San Luis Obispo, CA

The FCC has no business writing regulations for the Internet Service Providers like AT&T, Verizon and Comcast. These companies already have too much control over content and search results! Internet Neutrality is critical!

—George Pearson, Covington, WA

Startups need the ability to get bigger, to break into the market controlled by monopolies. Net Neutrality makes that possible.

—Rita McCue, San Francisco, CA

Please say no to paid preferred data fast lanes. It will ruin the Internet.

—Mr. Waller Collie, DeSoto, TX

HONOR NET NEUTRALITY FOR HUMANITY'S SAKE!

—Patricia Herrera, Miami Beach, FL

As a retiree on a fixed income, I will have difficulty paying higher fees that I believe will be inevitable under the proposed new rules.

—Alva L. Campbell, Ridgewood, NJ

I find it disturbing that the FCC would consider discriminatory practices that would end net neutrality. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Phyllis Katz, Los Angeles, CA

I own a small, independent fine-dining restaurant in far-southwest New Mexico. Much of my referral business finds us via social media. We will be put at a fundamental disadvantage if we are forced into the slow lane because we can't afford to buy our way into the fast lane. Please, for the sake of small businesses all across the United States, reclassify the internet as a public utility, and level the playing field as a matter of law. Thank you.

—Amberwind MJ Barnhart, Silver City, NM

Seeing as I use the websites and internet services of smaller companies, the ending of net neutrality would literally lower my quality of life.

—Cleo Smith, San Luis Obispo, CA

I am not a rich corporation

—Mlou christ, Tigard, OR

This is STRICTLY a money making move. The FCC knows that so to do so, illustrates how deeply the FCC supports big business takeovers in every avenue of our lives. Gotta wonder who is paying who -- once again -- as the people of this slipping democracy would again would take the bigger hit. Ah, but who cares about the people -- it's all about the money, right?

—Cathy Spalding, Olympia, WA

I stand for Net Neutrality. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Eileen Robinson, Orange, CA

FCC to throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Scott Nelson, Bethel Island, CA

I consider the internet as one of the tools of free speech that is one of our rights as Americans. Please protect our rights and preserve Net Neutrality.

—June Stepansky, Woodland Hills, CA

Keep Net Neutrality. Net Neutrality is what allows the internet to work as it has, and that is working. Without Net Neutrality no one knows what will happen to the internet, but it will probably be bad. The ISP's say they will respect open internet but as soon as it was legal Comcast throttled Netflix to get more money out of them. If this has already happened why won't it happen again?

—Andrew Trumbo, Ann Arbor, MI

I am co-founder of a fledgling organization in Chicago that we call "Democracy for the USA." I am webmaster for the group and spent many hours building our website. This fact alone should underscore the importance of net neutrality to we, the people, who are trying to effect positive change for the USA. Along with Candidate Obama's pledge in 2007 to "take the back seat to no one in protecting neutrality of the Internet", I believe we have a strong case for now President Obama's appointee to the chairmanship of the Federal Communications Commission, Tom Wheeler, to help his boss keep his word to America.

—Robert Stephen Moore, Chicago, IL

The Internet should not be dominated by corporate America and those with the money to buy special treatment. It should serve all equally, with no class discrimination. Please drop the proposed rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers.

—Wallace Elton, Saratoga Springs, NY

Net neutrality is an absolute must for freedom. This is about everyone not just the big corporations.

—Janet Busvek, Johnson City, TN

FCC you need to throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. We don't need two tiers one for big corporations, the 1% and snail lane, the rest 99% of us. We are not ignorant to what is going on. Being disabled as housebound almost everything is done online. I don't want to have to pay extra to get to those sites. I can't afford it and I should not have to pay more nor should anyone else. I also enjoy the freedom of looking up nature means versus drugs to try to get healthy. I don't want that information basically censored as according to your rules be put in snail lane and I would never see it. It's about freedom of information for All not a few. The Internet is my life line and I am not the only one disabled that uses it. Even if I were not disabled, the Internet still would be important to me as a free source of information. The information allows for competition like Facebook, Google, Myspace, Amazon and so many others. All that would disappear over time because a closed Internet would stifle competition and make monopolies instead. Monopolies created by buyout and mergers hurt the economy not help. What you are proposing will cripple our economy even further to the point of no return. Does the FCC really want to cripple the economy even more? Reclassify ISPs as common carriers is the only way to keep the Internet Open and Safe which allows freedom of information for all that helps our economy. You do want our economy to recover don't you? Or are you just pretending to help. Are you the fox in a hen house? Prove that your not by keeping Net Neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.

—Rosemary Wolf, Inman, SC

Broadband internet connectivity is the primary way American families communicate. It transmits our work, our telephone, our security system monitoring, our email, our banking, our digital storage, and our entertainment. Nobody should have the power to spy on and control that connectivity. Broadband connectivity providers should do one thing only - provide the most reliable, fastest, rapidly improving and evolving data pipe at the lowest cost. Do not allow them to have any power over what Citizens push and pull through the broadband pipe. Your role is to increase competition for them. Instead of giving them power to discriminate and control what Citizens put through the pipe, you should remove the monopoly Comcast has on broadband service to my family in Seattle and they and other providers have in almost every market in the US.

—Scott Brown, Seattle, WA

Si es aprobada, estas reglas significaría el final de neutralidad de la red.

—Maria Cal, vigo,

The fcc was created to ensure fairness of the airways. Abandoning Net Neutrality simple goes against that objectived.

—George Breithaupt Jr., Gambier, OH

Have you opened your cable bill lately? Comcast charges me for a tiered service -- and now they want to be able to charge the services I pay for the equivalent of a tiered service. If your goal is to disrupt the internet, that will do it! Do not let cable companies get away with this!

—Lisa Ann Hall, Menlo Park, CA

I'm studying to be a filmmaker and I hope to use the internet to distribute my films. Net neutrality will help keep my work competitive. I also support and follow people who produce original content on the internet and I believe that their work deserves equal access and attention.

—Drew Wesley Peardon, Canmore,

Net neutrality will help keep the internet a Free from interference from corporations. It should be a free public utility paid for by taxpayers.

—Laura Ziemann, Troy, MO

Net neutrality is one of the few vestiges of freedom in an increasingly Orwellian society

—Edward A. White, Washington, DC

It's a basic freedom!

—Kenn Reynolds, PLAINFIELD, IN

I want all sites I access to come at the same speed. I don't want any sites discriminated against based on content.

—Paul Morsey, Owensboro, KY

Do not end net neutrality and do reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Todd Wilson, LEWISVILLE, TX

The Internet is part of the Commons. Period. The Commons should never be privatized nor skewed towards big money interests.

—Steve Sugarman, Malibu, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers - we need REAL net neutrality, not discrimination from huge companies.

—Geoff Armstrong, Las Vegas, NV

I'd really appreciate it if you folks at the FCC would wake up and do your job. The internet has become a major of information source for millions. As such it must not be 'owned' by any self-interested groups. It needs to be 'clean' and clear of all degrading attitudes, spin, and misinformation. You people are tasked with making sure this is the case. All your decisions ought to be filtered through a net for neutrality and clarity free of bias. It is a huge task, but I know you can do it if you are clear as to what this means.

—Laing N. Reynolds, Lafayette, CO

Equal access for all is the only fair way to act

—Patricia Allan, North Palm Beach, FL

Please, reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. We want a truly free internet and that is the only way to achieve that goal. Represent the United States citizen and not the interests of businesses.

—Jordan, Bloomington, MN

Don't let the same monopoly ISP's ruin the internet. For too long they've had total control and given consumers nothing. Restore net neutrality

—Jeremy Barnes, Seattle, WA

FCC, Please protect our internet and net neutrality. This is a form of communication that should be protected from corporate control. The internet belongs to the people not the corporations it should be protected like all other telecommunications and it should be free and open. The FCC is a government entity that should be working for the citizens of the US and not protecting corporate interests.

—Jaysin Cabrol, Wilseyville, CA

Please modify regulations to make the Internet a public utility. It's the only way to protect users from spiraling price increases and slower speeds online.

—Terry Baker, Pottstown, PA

The only way we can have real free speech

—Susan Ansorg, Everett, WA

Whatever happened to "The land of the free" that was supposed to be America? I think it is outrageous because what you are doing is trying to stifle free speech and transfer of ideas. Shame on you. Leave our Internet alone!

—Alison Round, Porthleven,

Please do not allow a toll to be placed on the internet.

—Tom Patterson, Saunderstown, RI

For too long, too many services that address basic human needs: health care, education, housing, water and power - have been turned over to private corporations to manage. They are not mandated to serve the public: their only mandate is provide shareholders with returns. The airwaves were supposed to be held in trust for the public as well, but they have not been - and one result is an ill-informed, passive electorate that is consistently propagandized to vote against its own best interests. Low-cost access to the internet has made it possible for information to be shared freely again - and freedom of information is just as much in the public interest as freedom of assembly, or basic human services. It cannot be provided on a pay-to-play basis. Reclassification is the only way to guarantee a free and open internet. The stakes are high - don't take us backwards by allowing corporate capture of another vital resource.

—Christy Rodgers, San Francisco, CA

I own an internet based start up. The currently proposed rules could significantly limit my companies sustainability. We can not afford to pay for a fast lane. As a result, our unique offering (i.e. we have no industry competitors) would be gone completely. We need to maintain true net neutrality.

—Brian Urban, Evanston, IL

Support real net neutrality were the cable & telco's have no control over what data is given priority. But rather keep the current practice were all data is treated on an equal basis. Don't try fix something that doesn't need fixing!

—Ian Wolf, Cincinnati, OH

Affordable, fast, open internet service needs to be available to EVERYONE, not just those who can afford it. For seniors on a fixed income (like me) it is a lifeline! Please keep the internet fair and equitable.

—Jayleen Hatmaker, Springboro, OH

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online: a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Throw out those rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I am a 69-year-old woman, and I don't like the way our country is trending.

—Sue Halligan, Woodbury, MN

Internet service providers must be reclassified as common carriers. It's not their Internet to take. It's not your Internet to give. The fact that there is even debate on this matter is appalling. Stop these monopolies from destroying one of the most valuable resources the world has. Have you no chivalry?

—Kevin Dolan, Westminster, CO

Stop taking bribes and realize all of the extra cost gets handed down to the public. Schools, churches, and hospitals combined with an already bankrupt economy. The national average IQ has increased with the internet. Do not continue to limit it's adoption and use. Accept the Mozilla foundation proposal.

—Kevin Hatfield, Memphis, TN

Discard the present plan. It will destroy any semblance of net neutrality. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.

—George Meserve, Tallahassee, FL

DO NOT TAKE AWAY OUR ACCESS TO INFORMATION.

—Lynne Sloan, San Francisco, CA

I don't want to tell my kids that the internet was once a very good idea until 2014. Stop this please, bring back Net Neutrality.

—Andrej Galins, Parker, CO

Net Neutrality is not an empty term. It means greater consumer protection, not catering to the needs of monopolistic corporations.

—James Freeman, Brooklyn, NY

Net neutrality is important for all of us because, without it, big corporations will be "legally allowed" to provide faster service to those who pay more money and the rest of us, who cannot afford it, will have to deal with a type of discrimination - slower access or no access to websites we would like to view. Therefore, it is extremely important that the FCC categorize all ISP's as common carriers. In this and no other way will the internet be a free access space for all. And, after all, in America we are supposed to be the land of the free, not the land of the corporate. It is my hope and millions of other Americans that the FCC uphold net neutrality for all and do the right thing by making the internet a space for all to enjoy it freely, without corporate interference. Thank you for your time and attention to this most important issue in our time. Sincerely, Charlie Troy

—Charlie Troy, Philadelphia, PA

As a business owner and a home owner - I pay a small fortune to access the internet on AT&T and Comcast. That should be enough. Spend your money on real issues like our giant debt issue.

—Rusty Carruth, Brandon, MS

Due to my location shopping in person is prohibitive, thus all my needs are purchased on line. This would hurt the economy because I would have to reduce my spending by at least 80%. I have over 5,000 neighbors. YOU DO THE MATH

—Josie P Sweeney, Kapaau, HI

I realize the person reading this at the FCC is not Tom Wheeler and even if it was, him reading this would have little effect. You on the other hand, as an FCC employee have a huge influence on Net Neutrality compared to the thousands of US. citizens filling out this forum. If you agree with the concepts of Net Neutrality then make your voice heard your offices. Start showing support by wearing buttons, changing desktop backgrounds, talking to your coworkers about it and starting a group for supporting it. Email your bosses showing your support. While you might not be in charge you are still part of the FCC and your voice matters and your voice carries a lot more then these forums do. Thank you for you time

—Troy Toggweiler, Melbourne, FL

The fact that your asking why Net Neutrality is important shows that the FCC has lost its way. Hiring the lead lobbyist for cable companies was a mistake. The basic principle on why the internet works so well is because everything is equal. Creating fast lanes is unethical. First for small businesses and secondly it opens the door for ISP's. The biggest thing I don't understand is why does ISP need to get paid more for something its already getting paid to do. Google Fiber is not doing this. Does the CEO really need more money? Do the ISPs really need this or do they just want to find a way to make us pay more for something they already provide. Please fire Wheeler. I think he forgot who he works for now and his job requirements.

—James Hamner, Sterling, VA

The internet has been and should continue to be an important tool to support and promote democracy and equality. Allowing corporations to profit from removing that equality and making it even harder for poor and middle class people to access the internet is unacceptable. It is the FCC's job to work for the common good of citizens, not corporations.

—Sara Avery, Lafayette, CO

My provider, Comcast, wants to charge content providers for fast service. This means that my cost to access some content will go up and other providers, who can't afford to pay, will not be easily accessible as their content will load slower. This is patently unfair and discriminatory. Internet access is not a luxury, it is a necessity and should be treated as a utility, not a commodity.

—Irwin Friedman, Richmond, CA

No two tier system! The free exchange of information and ideas is the single greatest innovation of our time.

—B S Higgs, Tempe, AZ

Don't fix what isn't broken!

—David Allsebrook, Capt Cook, HI

Net Neutrality is important to me because I am a web designer. I know that if Net Neutrality is compromised, it would stifle innovation and destroy the industry.

—Jessica Sideways, Longmont, CO

I would like a written response. I want to know on what basis Internet Service Providers are classified as anything OTHER than utilities and common carriers. I want to know your reasoning, because I have racked my brain, and can discover NO logical reason that they would NOT be classed as utilities and common carriers. Please, do enlighten me.

—Sadie Sullivan-Greiner, El Cajon, CA

Mr. Wheeler, why are you openly taking sides and allowing discrimination online, stop sucking up to special interest and Big Business like a teet in your mouth and find your morals and backbone AND USE THEM FOR THE GOOD OF US ALL, not just for you and your bedfellows.

—Rebecca Price, Pittsboro, NC

Net neutrality is of fundamental importance to democracy. I value the ability to use the net freely and not be subject to whims and rules set up by the few who have access and the power to control us.

—John Tyrrell, Birmingham,

You need to reverse your stand to allow fast lanes on the internet. I was involved when it was still arpanet and have seen the growth and potential continue to increase. The position you are proposing is a step backward, and only services big corporations to make more money. As if the insane profits they are making now is not enough. Allow equal access to all on the internet forever. This is the promise and the vision that enables all new possibilities.

—Don McClure, Half Moon Bay, CA

Nearly every method of communication in my house depends entirely on my internet connection. Land line phone? It's running though a VOIP connection to the internet. Cell phone? I'm using republic wireless, a cell phone service that depends on my home internet connection to function. Want to watch a movie? Well, thats all running over the internet with Netflix. Want to play a game? All video game consoles made in the last 10 years require some sort of internet connection to operate fully. The internet has become as necessary as a electric or water connection to keep a household functional at the most basic level. A home without a internet connection might as well not even have a mailbox for how cut off it will be from the rest of the community. Slow and "fast lanes" on the internet? This will benefit no-one. Paying for different "tiers" of service? Absolutely ridiculous. That would be like having restricted access at a public library.

—Christopher Schugel, New Ulm, MN

PLEASE KEEP THE PLAYING FIELD LEVEL!!!!

—Mary F Lasley, Ashland, OR

Net neutrality is very important for American consumers. The large internet and cable providers have a near monopoly already. Do not let it continue. Stand up for the consumers. Don't let the money and influence of a few large companies buy laws that help only them.

—Bryant A Rushing, Jonesboro, AR

Net neutrality is important for political and economic freedom for all.

—Jim Braun, Cleveland, OH

Open communication between human beings should not depend on how much one can pay.

—Rebecca Stumpf MD, Uniontown, PA

It needs to be neutral for everyone

—Ron Dossey, Hurricane, UT

We withstood dial up, then got satellite, but had a really old computer, with videos taking forever to play, buffering, being cut in and out, and that was just short news ones. We finally have a much faster better one, though not new, so we have known what slow internet speed is like, and certainly don't want big businesses to pay big money and get fast internet, and we go back to interrupted or slow internet speed. In a democracy, that should never be the case, only the rich having access to what should be free service, or privileged access to Congress, for that matter!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

—Joan Jones, Milan, MI

KEEPING THE INTERNET FREE FOR ALL TO USE IS PART OF A FREE SOCIETY. NO! TO A TWO-TIERED INTERNET. NO!
NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! NO!

—Carol Pauly, Big Bend, WI

Net neutrality is the very essence of the Internet.

—Franz Oppacher, Almonte,

I don't want to live in a feudal society where the Lords are CEOs and big money and the FCC is their Bitch, their Sheriff of Nothinghead. Do you have to be easily suborned to be on the FCC?

—Malcolm Moore, Portola, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it is the only place where everything is not controlled by money. Big money now controls all other media.

—Kate Coe, Las Vegas, NV

Without an impartial internet, then the providers become the gate keepers...gate keepers who own the gates usually decide to start charging tolls...ergo the origin of the word troll...or is toll derived from troll? Hmm...anyway flat fees for services provided for all is one thing but tiered fees only leads to corruption of the very democratic principals which we all claim to hold so dear! I for one am not interested in an internet policed by private companies or the government...IF I was, I'd go live in China you assholes!

—Walker Hibben, Newport beach, CA

keep the Internet free!

—Joanne Britton, San Diego, CA

PLEASE, for the love of God, don't ruin the internet! Your proposed plans will destroy everything that is great about one of the greatest inventions of mankind. The only people that this proposal will help are the major telecom companies that Chairman Tom Wheeler is in the pocket of. The internet is one of the most, if not the most, important invention ever. DON'T DESTROY IT FOR A COMPANY.

—James Soracco, Sunnyvale, CA

ISP's need reclassification as common carriers. We must future proof our information based society and economy by having true Net Neutrality!

—James Cummings, Pennsauken, NJ

We already have worse internet service than Europe. Don't make things worse by giving corporations and other big money groups priority on the net.

—Audrey Faulkner, East Brunswick, NJ

Net Neutrality is important because our economy should be based on social responsibility, not greed.

—Gerald Jupiter-Larsen, LA, CA

We do not feel that corporate entities should have any greater access to the internet than any individual.

—Edward Mc Eleney, Norris, TN

The Net redefined equality. Please don't ruin it.

—Charlotte Sibley, Berwyn, PA

Internet service providers shouldn't have the power to pick winners and losers online, and discriminate against online content and applications.

—Sean Kennedy, Healdsburg, CA

An internet fast lane doesn't rise to the level of "seperate but equal", which has been decided to be bogus and unamerican.

—Gatterer Gatterer, hayward, CA

The internet should not be under the control of big business or government. There should be no possibility of discrimination when it comes to internet usage. A two-tiered system that allows those that can afford higher fees better access is a sickening proposition.

—Mary OConnor, Glen Ellyn, IL

Net Neutrality is essential so the money a few people have doesn't control the day to day lives of all the rest of us!!!! You must listen to the people and not let money make the decision!!!!

—Janet Dhaenens, Sandpoint, ID

Keep the internet free!

—Mike C, Camarillo, CA

Net neutrality is important for informational freedom. I do not believe corporations that control telecommunications need to be making more money than they already do. The benefits of an open internet vastly outweigh the importance of corporate profits. As the old adage goes, "If it's not broke, don't fix it." Well that's exactly how I feel about the current state of the internet without legislation allowing ISPs to basically discern which customers can have faster access, and slow down others that can not pay a premium. The internet was made on a concept of freedom of information, and the FCC's proposed rules greatly endanger the freedom of internet we all currently enjoy.

—Justin S Yee, Pittsburgh, PA

My whole livelihood depends on an open internet where people are able to find me easily online. The idea of a "fast lane" will cripple any exposure I could have otherwise gotten from a fair and equal internet. Aside from its impact on entertainment, education, and keeping in touch with family and friends, this online discrimination would hinder small business growth and development. ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers.

—Sarah K Schanze, Chantilly, VA

The internet is a public utility just like phone lines. Do what is right for the American citizen.

—Dane M Olds, 5810 butterfly lane, MD

Net Neutrality is important for unbiased dissemination of information.

—Lisa Thornton, Calabash, NC

In all fairness, you must re-classify Internet Service Providers as Common Carriers. If you do not, we peasants will be left staring at our static screens while those who can afford it will get instant results - that would not be very small-d democratic.

—Mr. Merrill Gillespie, San Francisco, CA

I want Net Neutrality to be protected. The internet is one of the major ways I and others communicate with the government and should be protected from the network provider like verizon and comcast. It should be classified as a common carrier. The FCC should protect the people of the United States, not the industry they are regulating.

—Mike Schneible, rockville, MD

Dear FCC, it's time to get real. Who do you serve? If it's not us, the American people, but instead Comcast and Time-Warner, you have failed. Corporations are not people. No, they're not. We the people do not want a monopoly in which Comcast and Time-Warner are allowed to reap massive profits while gouging us and having the audacity to provide internet service inferior to that in Estonia (see John Oliver for that reference)! Please preserve net neutrality, which is the fairest choice for all. Sincerely, Lilian Robinson, Vineyard Haven, MA

—Lilian Robinson, Vineyard Haven, MA

All data should be treated the same. Please don't let already wealthy monopolistic corporations run the internet. It will be detrimental to citizens. The Internet should be regulated as a public service, like power and water.

—Amy Corey, SPOKANE, WA

Net neutrality is very important, even for basic communication. Without it, small bussiness can be hurt and and new bussiness may not even be able to get off the ground. Small content and large content creators and viewers are an essential and wonderful thing about the internet and without neutrality it's possible we could lose them. Please understand that we need the internet to remain a level playing field. Thank you.

—Hannah Jones, Hartsel, CO

Protect Net Neutrality! What is fair is fair-not to favor those with the most \$\$\$, but to allow equal access Do the right thing here because it IS the right thing to do

—Judith Ludwig, Cicero, IL

It's time to step up and do the right thing, no matter how much the high rollers are paying!

—Ricardo Mendez, L. A., CA

Everything doesn't need to be a profit center for avaricious amoral corporations. Keep the Net flowing freely to everyone regardless of their financial status.

—William Carey, Sherman Oaks, CA

I have lived in the People's Republic of China. I have seen what an internet with heavy censorship, with privileges for a few looks like. I know just how restricting that can be. If we do indeed value being "The Land of the Free" then we should remember this applies to all aspects of life, including those not seen by our forefathers.

—D Pantaleoni, Iowa City, IA

Net neutrality is essential for supporting innovation in virtually every aspect of the economy. My sons are two of the millions of computer science professionals who would be adversely affected by a two tiered Internet because they are in small businesses that compete with AT&T, Comcast, Verizon and others. The larger companies have virtually insurmountable resources to control ideas, data, evidence, and the other building blocks of innovation. Doubtlessly, creation of a two-tiered Internet would be the first step toward a litigation nightmare about who has and who does not have access to the "fast" lanes.

—David L. Paulsmeyer PhD, Bend, OR

Freedom

—victoria kniery, El Paso, TX

Net neutrality is essential to the unhindered and non-commercial flow of information, which are critical to a vibrant democracy. Tom Wheeler, you should be ashamed of yourself!

—Judy Pehrson, Lancaster, PA

The Net is a way for everyone, regardless of money, to access and contribute information. I want it to stay available to everyone.

—Kathleen Erickson, Tucson, AZ

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Mark E. Bye, Schofield, WI

Take the internet out of the hands of monopolies.

—Barry Lefsky, Oakland, CA

The internet is not for sale. We all own the internet equally.

—Kathy Magne, Saint Paul, MN

Not every house has broadband internet. My only two options are DSL and Cable, each from different companies. I live on Public Assistance and if I wanted to "upgrade" from AT&T to Comcast, I'd have to pay \$50 for a credit check before I even get started on their services. The "Two-tiered" proposal is fallacious because we already have different levels of Broadband. Suggesting we redefine internet based on such myopia is nothing short of proposing consumer robbery.

—DeAngelo M. Guillory, San Francisco, CA

What is going to keep these companies from putting any government site in the slow lane? Have you thought of that? Will you know if/when you've been slotted off to the slow lane? What will stop a Christie/bridge like scandal on the internet highway? Who owns the orange cones wins.

—J Jordan, RICHLAND, WA

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—Michael Crisci, Niles, IL

Protect a free, open, and NEUTRAL internet. Protect future entrepreneurs and future small business start-ups. You are going to fuck everything up.

—Ryan White, Fullerton, CA

Net neutrality is crucially important because it is the last stand of anything like a level playing field in this country. If it is destroyed or damaged, even more people will feel that they have no real stake in the country, i.e., no effective way to act for themselves, either economically or politically. It would be a tragedy, ultimately as much for those who benefit in the short term from the proposed fast lanes as for those who are immediately hurt.

—Marguerite boyens, Stone Mountain, GA

Net Neutrality is very important to me. The biggies will keep us from gaining any room on the Internet. Do not let us down!!!!

—Joyce A. ELLS, Oakdale, MN

Reclassify IPSs as common carriers! Sophistry will not disguise corruption!

—Taras Kiceniuk, Santa Paula, CA

FCC: throw out your proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I live in a rural area and travelling on old cart paths is an acceptable way of life. My internet travelling on a similarly poorly maintained and substandard infrastructure is not!

—Elliot Ross, Union Dale, PA

The FCC's plan to allow near-monopolies like Comcast, Time-Warner, AT&T and Verizon to make sweetheart deals with other giant corporations to the detriment of everyone else using the Internet is totally unacceptable to me. The new rules should be abandoned and ALL ISPs should be classified as common carriers, regardless of size and assets. Make the Internet truly neutral and keep it neutral!

—Joseph Pallazola, Berkeley, CA

The Internet was created with Federal research money. It is a public utility and should not be turned over to oligarchs.

—Leonard Conly, Berkeley, CA

Everybody needs the same experience on the Internet and its also going to keep rates for everybody cheaper. Netflix has raised it rates for new subscribers because of having to pay more to Comcast and Verizon to supposedly improve the quality of their service on those providers but they still aren't getting it.

—Sam Hill, Flagstaff, AZ

reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Carol Barnes, berkeley, CA

Don't let the big corporations censor the internet. We need real net neutrality!

—Larry Ulrey, Indianapolis, IN

For the FCC to even consider turning the net over to large corporations is beyond ludicrous. The World Wide Web was created by individuals not the government or large corporations. It spimly belongs to the people. If the FCC feels the need to have it controlled and continues to believe it has the right to assign the net, and limit the publics access, it should become a public utility. In short, If it's not broke don't fix it, which the FCCs meddling will surely do!

—Sydney Wright, Baltimore, MD

I work with information -- my career is an information specialist within the academic arena. I have seen how lack of free and open access to all information negatively influences decisions that get made. A decision is only as good as the information it is based on. Would you want your doctor or surgeon to have only part of the information needed to treat your condition? Would you want to buy something for which you knew only part of the specs? And in all cases you did not know that there was additional information existed which would have altered what you chose to do. This is totally destructive of any free and productive society. It promotes a serf or slave society where the few control the many. In today's high tech world abrogating Net Neutrality is tantamount to promoting an utterly unequal society where most of the citizens are in the serf-status position. This is not healthy for any society. Please protect Net Neutrality and promote a healthy, open, free, and productive society.

—Margaret Merrill, Blacksburg, VA

Please don't create a two-tiered system of the internet. It will destroy the internet as we know it, stifle democratic voices and discussions, and impact tech companies negatively. It seems absurd this is even up for proposal as net neutrality.

—Cody Healey-Conelly, Brooklyn, NY

Please discard your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please do not end net neutrality. My computer is slow enough as it is.

—Diana Ward, St. Petersburg, FL

Please reclassify broadband providers as utilities, do not buy their garbage about slowed "innovation" and fewer services--ISPs do not offer the services that consumers want, they offer clunky services that consumers are strong-armed into bundling by lack of competitive local markets, backed by the worst customer service of any industry in America... they already control the internet infrastructure which (supposedly still) allows consumers access to the services we choose. There is no need for "services innovation" and new bundled services from our ISPs. Reclassify as a utility!

—Sam Hein, Manhattan Beach, CA

Without Net Neutrality the unequal distribution of wealth will continue to increase. Furthermore, New Neutrality supports a democratic process.

—Joan Federman, Stockton Springs, ME

Equal access for all Americans.

—Edward Mansilla, Chandler, AZ

The Internet is a part of the commons and should be treated as such. Let information flow freely.

—Earl Smith, Buford, GA

Reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers. JUST DO IT. GROW A PAIR

—Jeffrey Chimene, Sonoita, AZ

Net Neutrality is vital in allowing us small businesses to compete with larger ones. Small businesses create a lot of the employment in this country, but are not wealthy. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Rebecca H. Walding, Cerrillos, NM

The facts are clear. Comcast AT&T continue to gouge the consumer with hidden fees, box rentals, high cost minimums,... This also eliminates the poor from receiving access. The FCC needs to stop the monopoly.

—Tom stanton, Park Ridge, IL

Net Neutrality is essential for democracy and online innovation. "Reasonable" is a meaningless fudge word that invites abuse by the ISPs and would create the appearance of corruption in the FCC. Large ISPs overcharge massively and do not serve the public interest.

—Tim Siner, bloomington, IN

I now this will be lost in a deluge of other people's comments, but that's kind of the point isn't it? People all over the country understand what a terrible idea this is. These companies are already handsomely compensated for their services and all this new system would do is allow them more ways to make profit at the cost of the customers, not to mention the blow to innovation. The internet is a wonderful thing that has great potential, but if you make the changes you propose you will stifle that innovation solely for the purpose of enriching large companies for doing nothing.

—Travis Leitko, Greenville, SC

THE NET SHOULD BE NEUTRAL AND EQUALLY AVAILABLE TO ALL. IT SHOULD NOT BE CONTROLLED BY A CORPORATION BUT IT SHOULD BE LIKE A FEDERAL FREEWAY: FREE FOR EVERYONE BUT UNLIKE A FREEWAY, IT PAYS FOR ITSELF IN ADS. WE DON'T WANT CABLE COMPANIES LIKE VERIZON AND COMCAST CONTROLLING THE SPEED WE ARE ABLE TO ACCESS THE NET. DON'T BE FODDER FOR THE GREEDY.

—Randy d Owens, elk grove, CA

It's simple. Because I use the internet.

—Dominic Demierre, Calgary, SC

There is absolutely no reason why the biggest ISPs need to have more control over the internet bandwidth. They already charge more than enough for consumers to use their product. They don't need to charge more based on your use. Thanks.

—Paul MAGALOTTI, Kettering, OH

Free and easy access - the cornerstone of a strong society.

—e Perkins Perkins, Talmage, CA

Because I live in a country that is supposed to be a Democracy and I want my government to stop carrying water for giant, greedy mega-corporations.

—Joan Antonuccio, Qakland, CA

Without Net Neutrality, I will be unable to interact with most of my family and friends. I am on a fixed income and cannot afford anything but the very least expensive way to connect to the internet. If you allow big corporations to take over and charge large amounts of money, many like me will have to give up our internet usage altogether. Please don't do this to so many of us who are in the lowest of the 99%.

—Alice Green, Wheat Ridge, CO

We demand net neutrality -- there must be no two-tiered internet. Reclass ISPs as common carriers now!

—Mr. Mark J Moerman, VANCOUVER, WA

I am not rich and I hate it when my government favors the rich. I am ready to start voting independent because I am tired of being f----d over by both republicans and democrats.

—L Turner, livingston, TX

we need to keep it open for everyone the same....

—Kathleen Stewart, Valley, WA

Because we are a democracy and we believe in spreading democracy throughout the world. That belief should begin "at home" with a fair and open internet to which everyone has equal access and equal power. Let's put our money where our mouths are!

—Kate Savage, Los Angeles, CA

I support Net Neutrality. We don't want the internet to be treated like cable communication.

—Sarvenaz Saeed, redwood city, CA

do your damn job protecting " we the people " or get the hell out of office !! have you all been bought out too ???

—Toni garmon, Dawsonville, GA

The cable and phone companies "have Washington in their pockets! This must not happen!

—Bill Herman, Oceanside, CA

Access to communication has been getting more expensive and inaccessible in today's world. Instead of paying around \$35 a month for a landline telephone and a quarter per call at a payphone, we are now required to pay around \$140 per month for a family plan cellphone. Instead of having free TV, we have cable at another \$150 per month. It is only through having a reasonably priced Internet access that many of us can hope to reduce the cost of telephone and entertainment services. \$300 per month in savings is nothing to sneeze at--especially in these economic hard times. Moreover, instead of having newspapers which used to report the news reliably for \$30 per month, we have to shift for ourselves using a combination of NPR and the Internet to find reliable news reports. My local newspaper is now nothing more than an advertising supplement. We have cable TV but most of those news shows have become more and more unreliable because they narrow their content to endless celebrity stories or their own political slant or, in the case of CNN, they just seem eager to fill the airspace with the sounds of their own voices. The Internet (and the radio) are the last bastions of reasonably priced information. If you hand control of access to that information to the mega corporations, you will have successfully crushed freedom of speech and the press in one blow--because who can believe that control of access won't also mean control of content. In addition, most of the communications we used to make over the telephone and through the US mail we now make over the Internet. Most of us now pay our bills online and there are many jobs that only list on the Internet and only accept applications online. So, to summarize, without Net Neutrality, lower income and middle-class people will be significantly disadvantaged. Only the rich will have access to the advantages that nearly everyone has today. More and more, the Internet is required for anyone to grow their own business. If it is too expensive to access, then anyone starting out will be hurt. Democracy itself will be damaged because the voices of those rich enough to have Internet access will be louder than anyone else's. Without access to the Internet, I wouldn't be writing this comment that I am writing now because (a) I wouldn't have known that the FCC was inviting comments and (b) I wouldn't have access to this comment box. Please do not compromise on Net Neutrality.

—Jan Kutchen, San Antonio, TX

The internet was created with public money. It was not created to be the tool of large merchandisers or corporate mega-telecom/ISPs. The internet needs to remain an open and free flowing medium for information of all kinds. We have already witnessed the disastrous consequences in the news media resulting from the changes in the 1996 Telecom Act allowing greater media ownership consolidation. We cannot allow the same crap to invade the internet. It is absolutely unacceptable. IPs already overprice and under-innovate delivery of services. We still have way too many households with no internet access and broadband is unaffordable for the millions of unemployed and those in low-wage jobs--the vast majority of minimum-wage workers are adults trying to earn a living. We should clear the way for municipalities to offer inexpensive broadband access since the cable company does nothing to innovate, they are content to try to get as big as they can where they have controlled market share. Then they can really screw us. Just like they have with television subscriber fees. It's outrageous. The FCC MUST protect the public good. An open, unfettered internet is in the public interest and serves the public good.

—David J. Lafond, Holyoke, MA

The net is the second-to-last bastion of free speech, and the boys on the hill are doing their best to close the Postal Service, so they don't have to figure out how to read mail through the envelope. Please, break with the ranks of Government officials who want to spy on and control everything. Hitler is Dead, and I'm hoping the USDA isn't working on his clone.

—Kirk Taylor, Yelm, WA

Save net neutrality! Equal access!

—Maria Jaunakais, Albuquerque, NM

The internet is the last vestige of democracy left in this country. Everything else has been turned over to the whims of the very wealthy through political or fiscal influence. Let us not allow the lucky few to complete their hostile takeover of this country. Save net neutrality!!!!

—Robert Garrett, maineville, OH